

OF VALUE TO CROPS.

Unusually Good Growth Reported Throughout Virginia.

RAINS HAVE RETARDED WORK.
But Vegetation Looks Healthy and Vigorous—Corn, Oats, Wheat, and Rye Doing Well—Favorable Conditions Generally Encouraging.

The weekly crop bulletin of the Climate and Crop Service of Virginia for the week ending June 2 reads as follows:

Richmond, Va., June 2, 1896.

The range of temperature throughout the week was close to the normal, and in this respect was favorable for and beneficial to crop growth. A superabundance of rain, however, was quite general in all portions of the State. In sections where it has heretofore been dry, this moisture will be of immense value in reviving all kinds of crops, and promoting a healthy and vigorous growth; but in such portions as have already had sufficient it has retarded farm-work, though doing no special harm to the crops. Corn is making a very rapid progress in all sections. Tobacco is now about all set out, and doing well. Grass and pastures show some improvement from the rain. Wheat-heads are filling satisfactorily. Fruits are promising, except apples, which continue to fall badly. The rose-bug pest is increasing its field of operations, and doing much damage to grapes. Chinch-bugs are ravaging the wheat in Campbell county, but seem to be disappearing in other localities.

TIDEWATER VIRGINIA.

Copious rains during the week somewhat retarded farming operations, as the ground was too wet to work. The growth of vegetation, however, has been very fine, and all crops look healthy and vigorous. Early truck is rapidly coming in, and peas and cabbage are beginning to be marketed; also, young beets, potatoes and snap-beans are in bloom. Peas are thus far reported to be a poor stand, and cotton has been hurt some by the late rains.

MIDDLE VIRGINIA.

Favorable temperature, combined with plenty of moisture, has given a week of unusually good crop growth, and as a result almost everything is looking very well. Corn is reported as extra good. The condition of the wheat crop is variable. In some cases it is reported as being for years, and in others as very poor and being destroyed by chinch-bugs. The outlook for fruit seems to be decreasing. Rye is heading well. Wheat is beginning to color. Pastures have generally advanced in condition, but some are still poor and need more water. Cattle and sheep are doing some damage. In portions of Charlotte county considerable damage has been done by washing of lands from severe storms.

THE GREAT VALLEY.

Owing to the occurrence of timely rains, together with a favorable condition of temperature, the crops are given a week of growing weather that this section has experienced during the present season. The rains were quite equally distributed, and the improvement is marked. Corn is coming in rapidly, and has been reported over. Oats have gained some over their previous condition. Wheat remains about stationary. Clover is not a good crop. Timothy has picked up some with the recent rains. Grass is doing well, and is being mowed. Pastures generally have advanced some, but in localities where the rain has been deficient during the spring it is still in poor condition. Fruits are doing good, except apples, and berries promise an excellent yield.

FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Many Resolutions Adopted Upon by the Council Monday Night.

At the meeting of the Common Council Monday night the following resolutions, recommended by the Street Committee, were adopted:

The sum of \$400 to grade, curb, and pave granite gutter on the east side of Lombardy street from Grove avenue to Hanover street; \$470 for similar work on the south side of Park avenue from Morris to Harvie street; \$500 for similar work on the south side of Broad street from Norton to Kinney street; \$500 for similar work on the north side of Cary street from Linden to Beech street; \$500 for similar work on the east side of South street from O. B. Marshall street; \$500 for similar work on the north side of Beverly street from Beech to Reservoir street; \$2,000 for the grading, resurfacing, and repaving with granite spalls of the roadway of Broad street from Fourteenth to Twenty-second street; and for the grading and repaving of the sidewalks of that street; \$500 for the grading, paving of granite gutters on both sides of Grace street from Twenty-sixth to Twenty-seventh, and for the grading and repaving of the sidewalks of that street; \$500 for similar work on the south side of Nicholson street from Hopkins to Fourth street; \$500 for similar work on both sides of Hopkins street from Denny to Nicholson; \$250 for similar work on the south side of State street, from Fulton street to the Reservoir; \$500 for similar work on the north side of Clay street from Twenty-seventh to Twenty-eighth street; \$1,000 for similar work on the east side of Twenty-sixth street from O. B. Marshall street; \$500 for similar work on the north side of Twenty-seventh to Twenty-eighth; \$500 for similar work on the west side of Twenty-seventh from M. to N street; \$500 for similar work on the east side of Twenty-ninth street from Clay to Lehigh street; \$500 for similar work on the north side of Clay street from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-sixth street; \$500 for similar work on the north side of Lehigh street from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-fifth street; \$1,800 for the grading, resurfacing, and repaving with granite spalls of the roadway of Broad street from Broad to Marshall street, and for the grading and repaving of sidewalks on that street; \$125 for the construction of a street-basin at the corner of Williamsburg avenue and Lehigh street; \$500 for the grading, curbing, and relaying of gutters on both sides of Clay street from Twenty-eighth to Twenty-ninth street, and for the grading and paving of sidewalks; \$2,500 for the grading and setting curbing on the west side and grading and paving with granite spalls of the roadway of Seventeenth street from Lowndes towards Fairfield street, and for the grading and paving of the sidewalks of that street; \$100 for the grading and paving of granite gutter on the north side of Federal street from St. Paul to St. Peter street, and for the grading and paving of sidewalks on that street; \$500 for similar work on St. Paul street from Courts to Hill street.

DR. MENZEL GOES ON A TOUR.

He Will Attend the New York District Synod Meeting.

Rev. Dr. Paul L. Menzel, pastor of St. John's German Evangelical church, left yesterday at 7 A. M. to spend a few weeks on official business in the North and West.

He will first represent the president of the synod, as well as the Board of Directors of the German Evangelical church at the annual conference of the New York District of the German Evangelical Synod of North America, which meets today at Buffalo, N. Y. From there he will proceed to St. Louis and participate in the annual examinations of the Theological Seminary of the Church, and at the commencement exercises, which will take place at Eden College, St. Louis, on the 12th of the month. In the following week he will be at Elmhurst College, near Chicago, to preside at the examinations and the commencement exercises, which will be held on the 19th instant. As

president of the Board of Directors he has called an extra meeting of the board on the 20th instant, when very important matters will be considered. On the 21st of June the Elmhurst College celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary. Dr. Menzel will reach the jubilee sermon, and be present at a grand reunion of the alumni that will assemble there on Monday, the 23d.

Twenty-five years ago the German Evangelical Synod started that institution of learning in the old Melancthon building, with one professor and twelve students. Now quite a number of stately buildings surround the beautiful Elmhurst Park. Eight professors and 130 students are devoting their time to the study of the old classics, and this year a beautiful building is being erected as the jubilee gift of the synod to this, their youngest college.

Dr. Menzel intends to come back to Richmond on the 25th or 26th of June in order to take part in the great excursion of his Sunday school that will take place Monday, the 29th.

In the mean time, Rev. G. W. Goerlich will kindly take the place of Dr. Menzel, and fill his pulpit every Sunday. Many, many years ago he was a pupil of Dr. Menzel's in Germany, and after a separation of twenty-three years he came here to spend some time with his beloved old professor, at whose home he resides.

SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED.

Secretary of Agricultural Society Thinks Council Acted Unwisely.

Secretary Owens, of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Society, yesterday expressed great surprise that the Common Council should have rejected the proposition of the society for the city to guarantee the interest on \$50,000 of bonds for it, in order to prevent the foreclosure of a mortgage upon its property. The Secretary expressed the hope that the Council would reconsider its action of Monday night. Referring to the benefits the city derives from the exhibitions and fairs, Mr. Owens said:

"Thousands of people come here to these entertainments, and thousands of dollars are left here with Richmond merchants. The merchants have assisted us in the past, and Richmond has always benefited thereby, and willing to lend a helping hand, so the action of the Council last night was a surprise to the many friends of the organization, who fully appreciate what a great benefit the fairs have been to the city."

"The guaranteeing of the interest on the bonds was a matter in which the city practically took no risk whatever, as the provisions of the loan covered all amounts that the city might be called upon to pay. But it is hardly possible that they would be called upon, for the simple fact that the Exposition-Grounds have been leased out for practically \$1,000 a year more than the interest amounts to. The interest will be \$3,000 a year. We get \$5,000 for the lease, and save the balance of a keeper and repairs, which certainly amounts to \$1,000 more, so you see there is, as I have said, hardly a chance that we will have to ask the city for any money."

Fire in a Small Stable.

An alarm of fire was sounded from Box 19 at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the cause being the partial burning of a stable in the rear of 1322 East Main street. The property is owned by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, and the main building was formerly occupied by Mr. S. Sterns, a well-known establishment, while the stable is rented by Mr. W. F. Drinkard, Jr., as a stable. The damage to the stable was about \$75, and that to an adjoining house about \$25.

Illness of Mr. Samuel Allen.

Mr. Samuel T. Allen, who has for many years been in the employ of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and Chesapeake and Ohio railroads, is now dangerously ill of blood poisoning at 611 North Sixth street. The physicians give but little encouragement to his friends to hope for his recovery. Mr. Allen, before the war was prominently identified with the local military of the city, and during the war was captain of a company of military police.

Grace-Street Baptist Church to Be Rebuilt.

Work on the new building to be erected for the congregation of Grace-Street Baptist church will probably be begun about July 1st. The Committee on Plans and Building have a number of designs from which to select, and as soon as a selection is made it will be referred to the general committee of the church, who will award the contract.

Christian Endeavor.

The Christian Endeavor Local Union of Richmond and the Christian Endeavor of the Third Christian church Friday, June 5th. The Committee on Programme have succeeded in securing an excellent programme. A delightful time is promised to all.

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